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SUBJ: OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM: MODIFICATION FOR SEARCH
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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTTEL WITH T. TADANO, DIRECTOR, ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION AIDS DIVISION, MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY (MSA). TADANO WAS FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT SINCE HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN JUNE 19-21 TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON OMEGA SYSTEM IN WASHINGTON.

2. TADANO SAID MSA APPRECIATES POTENTIAL USEFULNESS OF GLOBAL RESCUE ALARM NET (GRAN) AS EXTENSION OF CIVILIAN USE OF OMEGA SYSTEM. HOWEVER, HE RECALLED THAT OPPOSITION PARTIES IN DIET HAD RAISED STENUOUS OBJECTIONS TO GOJ PARTICIPATION IN OMEGA, WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE A PURELY MILITARY SYSTEM, AND HE INDICATED GOJ WOULD FACE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIMILAR PROBLEM IN SUPPORTING EXTENSION OF OMEGA TO ACCOM-

MODATE GRAN SYSTEM. TADANO THOUGHT PROBLEM WOULD BE PARTICULARLY ACUTE IF GOJ SOUGHT TO ACT SOLELY ON BASIS OF PROPOSAL BY USG, BUT PROBABLY LESS SO IF GRAN CONCEPT, AFTER APPROPRIATE STUDY, COULD BE PROMOTED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (IMCO). HE SAID IMCO WOULD SEEM TO BE ESPECIALLY SUITED TO TAKE UP THIS MATTER, POSSIBLY IN CONTEXT OF ITS CURRENT STUDY OF GENERAL MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK FOR MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. TO SUPPORT FURTHER REPRESENTATION TO GOJ ON THIS ISSUE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON AGENCIES' COMMENTS ON TADANO'S SUGGESTION RE MULTILATERAL APPROACH.

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